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STUDIES

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SUMMARY: AT THE MARCH 30, 1977 MEETING, THE EWG BEGAN
DISCUSSION ON FLEXIBILITY ISSUES N-2, N-12 AND M-9. EWG
MADE NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON ISSUES N-2 AND N-12 DUE TO
HARD LINE POSITION BY NORWAY AND DENMARK. THE SUBJECT OF
ALLIED ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MARITIME EXERCISE INFORMATION
GROUP (MEIG) ALSO SURFACED DURING DISCUSSION (SEE PARA 9
BELOW). END SUMMARY.

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1. THE EWG MET ON MARCH 30, 1977 TO BEGIN DISCUSSION
OF FLEXIBILITY ISSUES N-2, N-12 AND M-9 (REF C). THE
CHAIRMAN (DSYG PANSAN) NOTED THAT THE GOAL WAS TO LIFT
OR EASE RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING THE MILITARY'S ABILITY
TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE NORTHERN AND MARITIME REGIONS.

2. THE SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHWEITZER), IN PRESSING FOR POSITIVE
RESULTS ON MEASURES N-2 AND N-12, NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT
NOW POSSIBLE TO MAKE A SMOOTH TRANSITION FROM PEACE TO
WAR BECAUSE NATIONAL CONSTRAINTS WERE TOO RESTRICTIVE

AND AFFECTED FORCE EMPLOYMENT AND USE OF RESERVE REINFORCEMENTS. HE CITED THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN REGION -- SPECIAL TRAINING, LACK OF DEDICATED/IN-PLACE REINFORCEMENTS AND LARGE TERRITORIAL INVOLVEMENT. HE NOTED THAT PRESENT BOUNDARIES, WHICH SHOULD SERVE AS COORDINATIVE MECHANISMS WERE, IN FACT, BARRIERS TO EFFICIENT OPERATIONS AND THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONAL ALERTING SYSTEMS AND NATO SYSTEMS SERVED TO COMPLICATE READINESS. SACLANT REP (CMDRE COTE) AND THE MC REP (COL DUBOSE) SUPPORTED THESE VIEWS.

3. THE NORWEGIAN REP (HEIDENSTROM), IN RESPONSE TO THE POINTS FOR DISCUSSION (REF C), NOTED THAT MOST CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HINGED ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO THESE POINTS HE STATED:

--I(A) NORWEGIAN AIR DEFENSE FORCES ARE COMMITTED TO NATO BUT EMPLOYMENT IN PEACETIME IS RESTRICTED TO NORWAY. THOUGH THE FORCES CAN BE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE NORWAY DURING WARTIME, IF PRIOR GOVERNMENT PERMISSION IS OBTAINED, SUCH DEPLOYMENT IS NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE THE FORCES ARE SMALL AND A NATIONAL LOGISTICS TRAIN WOULD BE REQUIRED.

--I(B) HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT AWARE OF PROBLEMS
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IN THIS AREA, BUT IF THEY DID EXIST, NORWAY WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THEM WITH CINCNORTH.

--I(E) THIS HAS NEVER CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS SINCE NORWAY'S DECLARATIONS OF ALERT USUALLY PRECEDE NATO'S DECLARATIONS.

--THAT IN REFERENCE TO SACLANT ITEM (PAGE 4, REF C), HIS GOVERNMENT HAS A LONGSTANDING POLICY OF TRYING TO DECREASE TENSION AND THAT THE LIMITS ON SURVEILLANCE, ETC. ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE POLICY. THE POLICY IS NOT NEGOTIABLE.

4. THE DANISH REP (BELLING), IN ADDRESSING THE SAME POINTS, USED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ARGUMENTS, STRESSING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND THE LACK OF COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT PROBLEMS REALLY EXISTED. HE NOTED THAT IF THE NMS COULD CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMS
SNH AUTHORITIES
WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS EACH AND TO TRY TO RESOLVE THEM ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

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5. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THE HARD LINE POSITION OF THE DANISH AND NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENTS AND AGAIN CALLED FOR A RELAXATION OF CONSTRAINTS. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING THE FRG, UK AND US, SUPPORTED THIS VIEW. THEY NOTED THAT MANY OF THE CONSTRAINTS WERE SELF-IMPOSED; CONCERNED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AFTER IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT WAR WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN OR HAD BEGUN; AND WERE NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ASPECTS OF THE ALLIANCE. PANSA ASKED THE NORWEGIAN AND DANISH REPS TO GO BACK TO THEIR CAPITALS AND REPORT THE MEETING WITH A VIEW TO MAKING PROGRESS ON THESE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

6. CONCERNING PARA II (PROVISION OF "DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY" BY DENMARK), BELLING NOTED THAT THE DANISH CHIEF OF DEFENSE (CHOD) ORDER NO. 4 WAS OPERATIVE AND WAS THE BASIS FOR NATIONAL PLANNING. HE SAID THE DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE SMALL CHANGES.

7. THE SAHPE REP ACKNOWLEDGED CHOD ORDER NO.4, BUT
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STATED THAT IT WAS NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH. HE RECOMMENDED THAT CINCNORTH AND DENMARK RENEGOTIATE THE PROBLEM -- POSSIBLY USING AS A MODEL THE RECENT FRG/SACEUR "INTERIM DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY." THE DANISH REP NOTED THE SUGGESTION.

8. WITH RESPECT TO NPW VISITS, THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES CITED THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN NPW OPERATIONS. THE UK REP (PETERS) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THERE WAS GOOD PROGRESS IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR NPW VISITS, BUT THAT ANY ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING THE TASK

WOULD BE DESIRABLE.THE US REP, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE (REF A), SUPPORTED THIS POSITION. PANSAGREED THAT THERE NEED BE NO FORMAL, NATO-WIDE ACTION ON THIS FLEXIBILITY RECOMMENDATION, AND ASKED FOR FAVORABLE BILATERAL CONSIDERATION BY ALL NATIONS.

9. NEAR THE END OF THE MEETING, THE SACLANTRP NOTED THAT MEASURE M-11, DEALING WITH REPORTING OF MERCHANT SHIPPING OUTSIDE NATO BOUNDARY AREAS, HAD ERRONEOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE EWG FOR ACTION. HE RECOMMENDED IT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE MC FOR STUDY SINCE IT INVOLVED ONLY REPORTING FUNCTIONS. THE NETHERLANDS REP (WYNAENDTS) OBJECTED AND, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, STATED THAT IT WAS A SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUE SIMILAR TO THE MARITIME EXERCISE INFORMATION GROUP. HE COULD NOT AGREE TO THE TRANSFER. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WYNAENDTS NOTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT REALLY LIKE THE MEIG CONCEPT AND WERE, IN FACT, LOOKING FOR A WAY TO PRECLUDE ITS FORMATION.

10. THE EWG WILL MEET AGAIN TO DISCUSS FLEXIBILITY MEASURES SOON AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS. PRESENT GUIDANCE IS ADEQUATE.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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